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SCOTTSDALE ATTORNEY APPOINTED TO JUSTICE COURT

Supervisors approve nomination of long time corporation commission attorney

(Phoenix) – The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors today appointed Scottsdale attorney Gerald Porter as Justice of the Peace in the Scottsdale Justice Court. He was immediately sworn into office.

Mr. Porter has spent many years serving as Policy Advisor to the Arizona Corporation Commission. He has also been Policy Advisor on Telecommunications and Transportation to the Governor's office.

"I am pleased we are appointing a person of Mr. Porter's solid background and experience to this office," says District 2 Supervisor Don Stapley who nominated Porter. "He has strong leadership and business skills, and is a great communicator."

"Maricopa County's Justice Courts are tremendously important to our legal system," says Jan Brewer, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "Mr. Porter will be called on to make many important and sometimes difficult decisions that will impact citizens' lives."

SOME FACTS ABOUT MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE COURTS:

- Maricopa County's Justice Courts processed more than 374,000 cases in the year 2000.
- Justices of the Peace issued more than 10,600 Orders of Protection in 2000.
- Most felony trials in Maricopa County get their start in the Justice Courts.

The Scottsdale Justice Court is located at 8230 East Butherus Drive in Scottsdale. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM until 5 PM.